

# HAMMURABI'S CODE

## Hammurabi's Bio

*Who was Hammurabi?*

•He was King of the Ammonite Dynasty, and became king of Babylon.

*How long did he rule for?*

Hammurabi ruled 45 years, 1795-1750 BC

*Characteristics of his rule.*

He was a good diplomat, and administrator. He conquered North/South Mesopotamia.

*Principles he wanted to rule by.*

Harmony and obedience.

## Code of Hammurabi

Number of laws.

There were 282 laws.

Issues the code dealt with.

Daily life, trade, family, and property rights.

Code had conditional sentences

"If you do this, then expect this consequence."

Laws reflected Babylonian values.

1. Innocent until proven guilty.
2. Honesty is valued.
3. A hierarchical society.
4. Right of individuals is secondary to the good of the society.

## **SUMMARY:**